

Abstract:

The present invention relates to electrical separators for batteries, especially lithium batteries, having a shutdown mechanism and also a process for their production.

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An electrical separator is a separator which is used in batteries and other arrangements in which electrodes have to be separated from each other while maintaining ion conductivity for example. Safety is very important in lithium batteries, since in contrast to other types of battery (Pb, NiCd, NiMeH) the solvent for the electrolyte is not water but a flammable solvent, for 10 example organic carbonates. This is why it is absolutely necessary for a separator for lithium cells to possess a suitable shutdown mechanism and at the same time for it not to be able to melt down.

This object is achieved by an electrical separator according to the present invention that 15 comprises a shutdown layer which is formed from a porous sheetlike structure. Since the separator further comprises a porous inorganic (ceramic) layer on a carrier, the cells cannot melt down as a result of a completely melted separator.